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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims (1-19) directed to following patentably distinct species of the claims invention:

- I. One species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising in the inside of one pixel, respective portions of the first side and the second side which face each other in an opposed manner include at least portions of regions which constitute the color filter non-forming regions.
- II. Another species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising a color filter forming region and a color filter non-forming region are formed within a lighting region which is visible to a viewer in the inside of one pixel, wherein color filters and black matrix formed on color filter substrate; and switching elements formed thin film transistor substrate.
- III. Another species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising a color filter forming region and a color filter non-forming region are formed within a lighting region which is visible to a viewer in the inside of one pixel, wherein a color filter formed on color filter substrate; and black matrix, switching elements, and pixel electrode formed on thin film transistor substrate.
- IV. Another species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising a color filter forming region and a color filter non-forming region are formed within a lighting region which is visible to a viewer in the inside of one pixel, wherein a

color filter, black matrix, switching elements, and pixel electrodes formed on thin film transistor substrate.

V. Another species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising a color filter forming region and a color filter non-forming region are formed within a lighting region which is visible to a viewer in the inside of one pixel, wherein the liquid crystal device performs a transmissive type display.

VI. Another species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising a color filter forming region and a color filter non-forming region are formed within a lighting region which is visible to a viewer in the inside of one pixel, wherein the liquid crystal device performs a reflective type display.

VII. Another species drawn to a liquid crystal display device comprising a color filter forming region and a color filter non-forming region are formed within a lighting region which is visible to a viewer in the inside of one pixel, wherein the liquid crystal device performs both of a transmissive type display and a reflective type display.

Each of groups I-VII contains embodiments directed to the following patentably distinct sub-species of the claims invention:

- A. First embodiment according to fig. 1.
- B. Second embodiment according to fig. 3.
- C. Third embodiment according to fig. 4.
- D. Fourth embodiment according to fig. 5.

- E. Fifth embodiment according to fig. 6.
- F. Sixth embodiment according to fig. 7.
- G. Seventh embodiment according to fig. 8.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, it appears that claim 1 is generic.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species corresponding with sub-species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent from or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over

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the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to (Nancy) Thanh-Nhan P. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1673. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F/9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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